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4 EXPLORERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23. Four men met around a table in a ship's cabin here.

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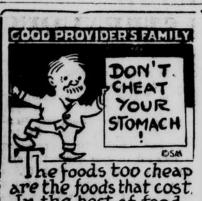
One of the men was the captain of the ship-the oldest captain in point of service in the coast guard. One had lived in Alaska longer than any other white man. One had lived farthest north of

any white man. And one had the longest Arctic record of any explorer, living or

Meet on Cutter Bear The ship was the picturesque coast guard cutter Bear, now tied up at its dock in the Oakland es-Claude S. Cochvane, its captain, had been in charge since 1896.

Charles D. Brower, manager of the Cape Smythe Whaling Co., had spent 42 years in Alaska, and Thomas Gordon, of the same company had lived three miles north of Point Barrow, where Brower had his head-

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the fourth member of the party, has done more to make Alaska known to the gen-



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The four men sat around a baize covered table in the captain's cabin,

eral public in the last 20 years than and the photographer the ould have continued. "Alaska lonely?" growled Gordon. Why, I never was so lonely in my

life as I've been right here in San

looked at each other and were silent If it hadn't been for the reporter "We think Alaska is overpopulated

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very hundred miles up there now We used to think when there was ne every 400 miles it was plenty,' olunteered Brower.

Stefansson smiled. rese two boys, in 1908, they were omplaining. They're still at it," he

When I first went into Alaska on he Bear-that was in '96-I found and Brower there-fussing number of white men who taking possession of the coun

They Admire Each Other Brower was at it before I was, said "When I came ashore at oint Barrow I found Brower sitting the trading station there. And the rst thing he mentioned was the ver-population of the district.' Stefansson glanced at Captain ochrane with a whimsical expresn on his face. They looked at ach other with genuine admiration omething else might have been said but the cabin boy entered just then say that the car was waiting to ake them to a luncheon engagement

COTTON CRISIS AVERTED; CROP ABOUT ALL IN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-A campaign wherein a warlike government enrolls its \$1-a-year-men again, and drafts its field forces relentlessly from far-flung territories, is just now drawing to a close within the soul ern part of the United States.

The annual struggle to get the cotton picked—this year complicated by an immense crop-apparently will successful again, but only because United States employment serv-300,000 men and women

18 Million Bates Coming Returns are far from being all i service, will not be able to make his accounting of the situation for many weeks. But the emergency that bulked most seriously in the early fall days has unquestionably been met, though the forces assembled for the need had to be drawn from Porto Rico and Mexico.

The south this year will produc 8,000,000 bales of its best sung field

seen long ago in Texas, where w. 00,000 of the banks will come from and the state growers summoned Mr. office of the employment service is later collapses. Volunteers and local was told by his wife: sprung into activity everywhere.

Drafted Outside Help The Arizona growers, notwithstand of ale, ing, found themselves almost entirely without pickers, and with the aid the service, two separate ship ads of Porto Ricans were embarked

the danger spot. Cotton picking is something of a of the last few months to take a skilled occupation. The trained hand, seat in the Royal Box at the Hayworking on a piece basis, takes down market Theater. In spite of her in \$6 a day or even more, where the creasing deafness, she heard Robert amateur gets a backache as his chief Atkin pay tribute to her lovely voice consideration.

Franz Werfel's latest play "Paul black hat. She is 78 years old. among the Jews," is scoring notable successes in a number of Ger- Arizona, although 14 years old as

is described as among the lowest incumbent, in Europe. The total output does not exceed 100,000,000 units

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gency, going on the payroll at \$1 man's wife to take his temperature year to give them authority to every hour. In the morning the phyfunction. The organization was ex- sician arrived to fad the bed empty "Yus." said the wife. "We didn't recruiting offices for cotton pickers have no thermometer. So I gave him the barometer. That pointed to 'Very dry'-so I gave him two pint

ELLEN TERRY RETURNS

and then shipped across country to Terry. Queen of the English stage ventured from her close retirement She sat with her face and snow white hair almost hidden by a wide

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